

Announcements

- Supported CTSNet and agreed to partner with them in developing a searchable database of several of the AATS Annual Meeting Symposia presentations.
- Provided support to TSFRE in 2009 to assist with the increase in TSFRE/NIH-funded research projects.
- Affirmation of the AATS Centennial Committee to actively prepare for the AATS centennial in 2017.
- Elected the following fifty-three surgeons to Active membership:
 - Shahab A. Akhter, MD, *Chicago, IL*
 - Anelechi C. Anyanwu, MD, *New York, NY*
 - Francisco A. Arabia, MD, *Phoenix, AZ*
 - David A. Bull, MD, *Salt Lake City, UT*
 - Harold M. Burkhart, MD, *Rochester, MN*
 - Marcelo G. Cardarelli, MD, *Baltimore, MD*
 - Steven R. DeMeester, MD, *Los Angeles, CA*
 - Joseph J. DeRose, Jr, MD, *Bronx, NY*
 - Sergey L. Dzemeshkevich, MD, *Moscow, Russia*
 - Gebrine El Khoury, MD, *Brussels, Belgium*
 - Giuseppe G. Faggian, MD, *Verona, Italy*
 - Pasquale Ferraro, MD, *Montreal, Canada*
 - Richard J. Finley, MD, *West Vancouver, Canada*
 - Harvey E. Garrett, MD, *Memphis, TN*
 - Thomas G. Gleason, MD, *Pittsburgh, PA*
 - A. Pieter Kappetein, MD, *Rotterdam, The Netherlands*
 - Ali Khoynezhad, MD, *Omaha, NE*
 - Ki-Bong Kim, MD, *Seoul, Korea*
 - Daniel Kreisel, MD, *St. Louis, MO*
 - Christine L. Lau, MD, *Charlottesville, VA*
 - Jean Francois Legare, MD, *Halifax, Canada*
 - Gunda Leschber, MD, *Berlin, Germany*
 - Kenneth K. Liao, MD, *Minneapolis, MN*
 - Shu S. Lin, MD, *Durham, NC*
 - Gilbert Massard, MD, *Strasbourg, France*
 - Sandro Mattioli, MD, *Bologna, Italy*
 - Daniel R. Meldrum, MD, *Indianapolis, IN*
 - Max B. Mitchell, MD, *Aurora, CO*
 - John D. Mitchell, MD, *Aurora, CO*
 - Shinichiro Miyoshi, MD, *Okayama, Japan*
 - Nader Moazami, MD, *St. Louis, MO*
 - Laureano Molins, MD, *Barcelona, Spain*
 - David L.S. Morales, MD, *Houston, TX*
 - Michael R. Mueller, MD, *Vienna, Austria*
 - Claudio Muneretto, MD, *Brescia, Italy*
 - Daniel O. Navia, MD, *Buenos Aires, Argentina*
 - Himanshu J. Patel, MD, *Ann Arbor, MI*
 - Arjun Pennathur, MD, *Pittsburgh, PA*
 - Eugenio Pompeo, MD, *Rome, Italy*
 - Alain J. Poncelet, MD, *Brussels, Belgium*
 - Walter J. Scott, MD, *Philadelphia, PA*
 - Craig R. Selzman, MD, *Salt Lake City, UT*
 - Ashish S. Shah, MD, *Baltimore, MD*
 - Howard K. Song, MD, *Portland, OR*
 - Allan S. Stewart, MD, *New York, NY*

- Vinod H. Thourani, MD, *Atlanta, GA*
- Gonzalo Varela, MD, *Salamanca, Spain*
- Pascal R. Vouhe, MD, *Paris, France*
- Thomas Walther, MD, *Leipzig, Germany*
- Jeng Wei, MD, *Taipei, Taiwan*
- Mathew R. Williams, MD, *New York, NY*
- Kazuhiro Yasufuku, MD, *Toronto, Canada*
- Ryohei Yozu, MD, *Tokyo, Japan*

Please make plans to attend the 91st Annual Meeting of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery to be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, in Philadelphia, PA, May 7–11, 2011.

AATS Applications for Membership Now Available Online

Applications for membership in the Association are now available online at www.aats.org. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the membership requirements and guidelines on the AATS Web site.

To apply for membership, a current member of the Association must act as the primary sponsor by initiating the application process in the Members Only area of the AATS Web site. Applications must be received by **November 30, 2010**, for consideration. All applications received after that deadline will be automatically deferred until November 2011.

AATS Meetings and Sponsored Events www.aats.org

September 21–25, 2010

TCT for Surgeons*

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
Washington, DC

September 30–October 2, 2010

Cardiovascular-Thoracic (CVT) Critical Care 2010***

Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC

October 7–9, 2010

2010 Heart Valve Summit

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile
Chicago, Illinois

October 21–22, 2010

21st Century Treatment of Heart Failure 2010*

The InterContinental Hotel and Bank of America Conference Center
Cleveland, Ohio

December 9–11, 2010**Multidisciplinary Symposium in Thoracic Oncology****

Hilton Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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2010 Heart Valve Summit: Medical, Surgical, and Interventional Decision Making

October 7–9, 2010

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile

Chicago, Illinois, USA

The American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) have once again joined together to develop a unified program, the *2010 Heart Valve Summit*, that will provide a stimulating and in-depth look at valvular heart disease from both a cardiology and surgical point-of-view.

Using an integrative approach to managing medical, surgical, and interventional challenges in valvular heart disease, world-renowned cardiologists and cardiac surgeons will provide clinically relevant data on the current and future directions in valvular heart disease. Geared toward practicing clinicians across multiple disciplines, this unique program will include real-world interactive case-based patient management discussions, review of current practice guidelines, and focused breakout sessions.

Program Directors:

David H. Adams, MD, FACC
Steven F. Bolling, MD, FACC
Robert O. Bonow, MD, MACC
Howard C. Herrmann, MD, FACC, FSCAI

Honored Lectures:

Denton Cooley, MD
Valentin Fuster, MD, FACC

2009 Testimonials

“Excellent meeting. I always come back intellectually challenged and picking up new tricks, tips and pointers.”

“This was one of the best meetings I have attended in my entire career. Putting surgeons together with cardiologists to discuss controversial topics is a superb format.”

REGISTRATION

Space is limited, register today at www.acc.org/HVS2010

Please note that, if you are a member of AATS, ASE, SCAI or STS, you must submit your registration form through fax or mail to receive the member rate.

ACCREDITATION**Physicians**

The American College of Cardiology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The ACCF designates this educational activity for a maximum of 18.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™. Physicians should only claim credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses

The American College of Cardiology Foundation is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

The ACCF designates this educational activity for a maximum of 18.25 continuing education hours. Requirements for successful completion are attendance in a session in its entirety and completing the evaluation tool. Each attendee should only claim credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

While offering credits noted above, the program is not intended to provide extensive training or certification in the field.

AATS Online Award Applications Now Available at www.aats.org

Deadline: July 1, 2010

Michael E. DeBakey Research Scholarship 2011–2013 provides an opportunity for research, training and experience for North American surgeons committed to pursuing an academic career in cardiothoracic surgery.

- Research program must be undertaken within the first three years after completion of an approved North American cardiothoracic residency.
- Applications for the scholarship must be submitted during the candidate's first two years in an academic position.
- The scholarship will begin July 1, 2011, and conclude on July 1, 2013.
- The Scholarship provides an annual stipend of \$80,000 per year paid to the host institution for direct salary support and related research expenses.

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